

it off instantly. They bonded over the Aggies, and whiskey, and politics, and the rest, as they say, is Texas history. Hazel gave Lamont the birthday present of a lifetime when they married on September 2, 1999.

Lamont Meaux has dedicated his life to serving his country and his community, and they are both better places because of him. Lamont Meaux is as Texan as they come. He is vocal, opinionated, and a hard core patriot that never forgets honor, duty, country. I am honored and privileged to call Lamont Meaux a close friend. Thank you Lamont Meaux for serving our nation and the great State of Texas.

And that's just the way it is.

CONGRATULATING JEFF DOUGLASS, WINNER OF THE GOVERNOR'S 2012 INNOVATORS UNDER 40 AWARD

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2012

Mr. WEBSTER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Jeff Douglass, winner of the Governor's Innovators Under 40 Award. Mr. Douglass is the founder and CEO of Cybis Communications, a creative technology and communications company based in Orlando, Florida.

Mr. Douglass, a graduate of the University of Central Florida, founded Cybis Communications in 1995. Recruiting new clients solely by word of mouth, Mr. Douglass has emphasized a personal approach to each project and today serves as not only the CEO but also as Cybis Communication's Executive Producer, focusing on creative and live event productions. By 2006, Cybis was producing events for such prestigious customers as the White House and the Office of the President.

The Governor's Innovators Under 40 Award is one of Governor Rick Scott's 2012 Innovators in Business Awards, which are designed to recognize outstanding contributions toward growing and diversifying Florida's economy. The Innovators Under 40 Award is presented to Florida residents under the age of 40 who own or lead a Florida company with annual revenue of \$1 million or more, and who have created at least 10 jobs since January 2011.

Through Mr. Douglass's direction, Cybis has expanded and recently relocated to a design and production studio in downtown Orlando. Mr. Douglass is to be congratulated for the hard work and dedication he has demonstrated and for the contributions to Florida's economy that this award signifies. He is deserving of this recognition. May his work inspire others to follow in his footsteps.

HONORING KATRINA ANN KELLEY

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2012

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Katrina Ann Kelley, a dedicated public servant whose service to the House of

Representatives and the National School Boards Association spanned 28 years.

Katrina Ann Kelley was born on September 29, 1960, to William and Joan Kelley, in Galesburg, Illinois where she was raised along with six beloved siblings. She graduated Galesburg Sr. High School in 1978 as member of the National Honor Society before heading to Marycrest College in Davenport, Iowa, for a Bachelor of Arts in social work.

Katrina joined the staff of Congressman Lane Evans in 1984 as a District Caseworker in his Illinois office; then made the move to Washington, DC to become a Legislative Assistant. Later, Katrina served as a Legislative Assistant and a Legislative Director for Representative Charles A. Hayes of Chicago. Katrina loved her years "on the Hill" where she made many lifelong friends and brought her compassion for constituent service to every position. Katrina had immense respect for Congressman Evans and the late Representative Hayes and considered each of them personal mentors and lifelong friends.

Katrina took her comprehensive legislative knowledge and understanding of urban issues to the National School Boards Association, NSBA, where she served as the Director of Urban School District Advocacy, and later as the Director of the Council of Urban Boards of Education, CUBE, until her departure in 2012. Katrina helped to shape the CUBE program as a critical component of the National School Boards Association, touching over one hundred urban districts and millions of children in the United States and the Virgin Islands. Katrina's work helped urban school leaders find solutions to challenges at the local level and to improve their policy-making effectiveness, leading to improved outcomes for children. Katrina deeply believed in increasing the opportunities for all students, particularly low income and minority students.

Katrina passed away with her sisters at her side on October 9, 2012. I stand here today to honor Katrina Ann Kelley for her legacy of service to the citizens and students of the United States.

TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUED LEASE OR EVENTUAL CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN FEDERAL LAND WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF FORT WAINWRIGHT MILITARY RESERVATION IN FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2012

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation to continue the conversation on how to preserve and protect an important neighborhood in Fairbanks, Alaska from eventual destruction.

In 1987, the Army entered into a Section 801 build-to-lease housing contract for 400-home community on seventy-six acres of land. These homes, consisting of three, four, and five bedroom units, a maintenance and leasing facility, associated roads and parking areas, landscaping, eighteen playgrounds, and a central heating system including 39 boiler houses, are an important source of housing for military families and the local area. This group of

homes is more than just housing or a neighborhood, it is a community.

The housing lease for this Section 801 contract expired in 2007 and the ground lease is scheduled to expire on June 26, 2018. Without an extension of the ground lease, the 400 houses must be removed from their current location no later than 180 days following the expiration of the lease. The most likely outcome of this situation is a complete demolition of these properties.

Currently, these 400 houses are nearly 100% occupied (99% in August of 2012) which is an unbiased testament to the value of these houses. Additionally, the four and five bedroom units are a valuable but very limited resource for the large number of military families with multiple children stationed in the area. In fact, seeing the value of these homes to both the military community and the local tax base, several community leaders and interests have written to me over the past couple of years to express their support for extending the ground-lease under these homes.

While I understand that this is a sensitive issue, it simply does not make sense for 400 high-use and high-value homes to be torn down. There must be a better solution. This bill may not be that solution, but it is a critical step in the direction to finding one.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND ALEXANDER I. DUNLAP

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2012

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late-Reverend Alexander I. Dunlap. Born December 4, 1930 to Rev. I.D. Dunlap, an A.M.E. minister, and Elmira McCoy Dunlap, a teacher in the public schools of North Carolina, Rev. Dunlap was the child of parents who loved the Lord and who loved education; each of them was an integral part of the man he was to become.

A.I., as he was affectionately known, lost his father at the early age of 10, yet he was proud to tell everyone that he was raised by a phenomenal woman who helped instill in him a sense of dignity and respect for himself and who told him that "You may be as black as coal but you are just as good as any child God has ever made."

A.I. attended North Carolina A&T University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree. He joined the U.S. Army and served during the Korean War for four years and was honorably discharged. He continued to pursue his love of God and education by attending Gammon Theological Seminary in Atlanta where he received his Masters of Divinity degree. He also later took courses in Pastoral Counseling at Emory and Duke Universities.

While still a young man in college, A.I. began his civil rights activities organizing sit-ins to protest the college Administration's policies. His love of community and commitment to the equal rights of every man, woman, and child continued to grow from the start of his career with the AME Church. As an Itinerant Elder, Rev. Dunlap travelled to many communities in Georgia, Virginia, North Carolina, and finally to Illinois. Wherever he went, he made an impact. A.I. strove to ensure that everyone